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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  <b>AUG 25 2003</b> <b>Patent &amp; Trademark Office</b> <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>	Application Number	09/423,572
	Filing Date	November 29, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Timmerman
	Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	Elizabeth M. Cole
	Attorney Docket Number	01-611-US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**  
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2003 ("the Office Action"), please consider the following remarks. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 19, 2003. A petition requesting an extension of three months to and including August 19, 2003, is submitted herewith. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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